

**MINUTES OF THE  
HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING  
JUNE 6, 2006**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historical Design Review Commission was called to order on June 6, 2006 at 6:02 p.m. by Chrm. Thompson in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Kosla, Merz, Smith, Briggs, Chrm. Thompson

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Elder, Worthington

**STAFF PRESENT** Will Wong, Community Development Director; Reg Murray, Senior Planner; Sue Fraizer, Administrative Assistant

**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

**ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of May 16, 2006 were approved as submitted.

**ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

- A. **Historic Design Review – 160 Elm Avenue (Martin Ray – The Car Lot, Inc.) – File HDR 06-5.** The applicant requests approval of a monument sign at 150 Elm Avenue. *THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED FROM THE MARCH 7, 2006 MEETING.*

Director Wong gave the Staff Report. On February 21, 2006, the Commission considered the applicant's request for a freestanding sign to be mounted on an existing pole at 160 Elm Avenue. The Commission felt that the sign was too big, and the item was

continued to allow the applicant time to submit a new proposal. The Commission recommended that they modify some of their graphics. Their current proposal is for one monument sign mounted on the existing pole, with rock veneer at the base of the block-based pole. The sign meets the size requirements for the City. The proposed sign eliminates some of the previous wording, and the address is to be moved to the base of the sign, and composed of gray and black metal letters.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Donna Cooper, 3625 Deer Ridge Lane, Auburn, California was available for questions.

Comm. Kosla asked why they are keeping the pole.

Ms. Cooper replied that the pole provides a significant amount of light on the car lot. The signage will disguise the light somewhat.

Comm. Merz commented that when the applicant previously came before the Commission, the Commission was aware that the pole was there. The applicant has been willing to make the changes that the Commission requested, and he appreciates their willingness to make the improvements.

Comm. Smith expressed his concerns about the proposed rock not matching what is already in the district. He also does not care for the proposed colors. He is not in favor of the proposed sign.

Comm. Briggs stated that she likes the proposed rock and has no problem with the proposed colors. She'd like to see the wording "We Finance" and the phone number removed.

Chrm. Thompson asked Director Wong if the Commission can designate what wording is placed on the sign.

Director Wong stated that in past discussions with the City Attorney, the Commission can dictate colors, but not text.

Comm. Briggs stated that she has not seen other car dealerships in Auburn place anything other than their dealership name on their signs.

Comm. Merz stated that he feels that these issues were dealt with in the previous meeting. The applicant was directed to come back with a nicer sign and they have complied.

Comm. Kosla **MOVED** to:

Adopt Resolution No. 06-6 as presented, or as modified by Planning Commission, approving a monument sign at 160 Elm Avenue.

Comm. Merz **SECONDED**.

AYES: Kosla, Merz, Chrm. Thompson  
NOES: Briggs, Smith  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Elder, Worthington

The motion was approved.

**ITEM V-B:** **Historic Design Review – 944 Lincoln Way (Eduardo Bartolomé - Joe Garlic’s Pasta & Grill) – File HDR 06-13.** The applicant requests approval of one hanging sign and one window sign for Joe Garlic’s Pasta & Grill at 944 Lincoln Way.

Planner Murray gave the staff report. They are proposing two signs. One is a painted window sign, and one is a hanging canopy sign. Both signs fall within the area allowance and the materials and colors are consistent with the Design Guidelines. Staff supports the request.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Eduardo Bartolomé, 944 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California introduced himself.

There were no questions or comments. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Merz **MOVED** to:

Adopt Resolution No. 06-7 as presented, or as modified by the Historic Design Review Commission, approving one hanging sign and one window sign for Joe Garlic’s Pasta & Grill at 944 Lincoln Way.

Comm. Briggs **SECONDED**.

AYES: Kosla, Merz, Smith, Briggs, Chrm. Thompson  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

The motion was approved.

**ITEM V-C:** **Historic Design Review – 896 High Street (Harvey Eisley – Cattails Florist) – File HDR 06-14.** The applicant requests approval of new paint colors and new lap siding on the exterior of the building at 896 High Street.

Planner Murray gave the staff report. Portions of the building have existing plywood siding. The applicant proposes replacing the existing siding with new horizontal lap siding. The only difference in the new siding is that it will have an additional groove in it. Paint color samples were given to each Commissioner. Staff believes the proposed colors are neutral and are consistent with the Guidelines.

The public hearing was opened.

There were no questions or comments. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Smith **MOVED** to:

Adopt Resolution No. 06-8 as presented, or as modified by the Planning Commission, approving new paint colors and new lap siding on the exterior of the building at 896 High Street.

Chrm. Thompson **SECONDED.**

AYES: Kosla, Merz, Smith, Briggs, Chrm. Thompson  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Elder, Worthington

The motion was approved.

**ITEM V-D:** **Historic Design Review – 875 Lincoln Way (Mickey's Boots) – File HDR 06-15).** The applicant requests approval to replace two (2) existing roof-mounted evaporative coolers with three (3) new roof-mounted heating and air conditioning units above Mickey's Boots at 875 Lincoln Way.

Planner Murray gave the Staff Report. The proposed HVAC units will have a lower profile than the existing coolers. One of the units will be placed behind the parapet wall. The other two will be placed further back. Staff has included a condition requiring that the roof equipment be painted or screened to the satisfaction of CDD staff.

Comm. Kosla asked if the unit facing Lincoln Way will be hidden from view.

Planner Geiger responded that for the most part, it will be hidden. It may be slightly visible from down the street.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Bill Radakovitz, 3580 Deer Ridge Lane, stated that he would like to know what color Staff would like for the units to be painted. He believes they come in gray, and asked if gray would be appropriate.

Comm. Merz stated that CDD Staff will be working with the applicant to arrive at a color that will fit in with the area.

Director Wong stated that Staff would like to see something from the contractor providing the details of the air conditioning units.

Mr. Radakovitz asked Staff how long it will be before the contractor can proceed with the installation of the units once the Commission has approved the project. His main concern is getting the existing units replaced soon because they are quite old and will not be efficient when the warmer weather arrives.

Planner Murray replied that there is a 10-day appeal period. Once that time is over, the work can begin on the 11<sup>th</sup> day.

Mr. Radakovitz asked if he could submit his plans for the building permit in advance so that the permit could be issued by the 11<sup>th</sup> day.

Planner Murray answered that the applicant could do that.

There was discussion about the unit which will be placed behind the parapet. It was determined that it will be almost flush with the top of the parapet and only slightly visible.

The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Kosla **MOVED** to:

Adopt Resolution No. 06-9 as presented, or as modified by the Historic Design Review Commission, approving three (3) roof-mounted heating and air conditioning units above Mickey's Boots at 875 Lincoln Way.

Comm. Merz **SECONDED**.

AYES: Kosla, Merz, Smith, Briggs, Chrm. Thompson  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Elder, Worthington

The motion was approved.

**ITEM VI: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

A.

- 1) The Methodist Church at 1338 Lincoln Way (File HDR 06-12), which came before the HDR Commission at the last meeting has appealed the Commission's decision regarding the lettering for their signs.. The item will be heard by City Council on June 26, 2006.
- 2) The proposed appointment of a new Historic Design Review Commissioner to replace Commissioner Wayne White will be addressed at the City Council meeting on June 12, 2006.

B. There will be an HDR meeting on June 20, 2006. There will not be a meeting on Tuesday, July 4, 2006.

C. None.

**ITEM VII: HISTORIC DESING REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS**

Comm. Briggs reported that she attended a Historic Design Sierra Business Council meeting last week. The meeting was regarding incoming revenue to the City to establish a Heritage Corridor for Historic Tourism.

**ITEM VIII: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**ITEM IX:           ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant